(c) and (d) Even though 'Law and Order' is a State subject, NHRC has issued instructions to all State Governments to take appropriate action to prevent fake encounters including preventive measures. The Commission has recommended a total compensation of Rs. 10,60,000/- to the family of deceased and those who sustained injuries in fake encounters for the period from 1993 to February, 2003.

(e) The NHRC has issued guidelines/instructions regarding procedure to be followed in cases of death in alleged fake encounters. These guidelines were circulated to Chief Ministers of all the States/Union Territories.

Report on bonded labour in India

1445. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of human rights watch "Bonded labour in India";

(b) if so, what are Government's comments on the study; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report mentions about child labour in silk industry in India. However, no specific case about children being employed in the silk industry as bonded labour has come to the notice of the Government. The Government of India has enacted Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. Section 14 of the Act provides for penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act. The Government has been monitoring the enforcement of the Act through enforcement machineries of the States/Union Territories/Central Government regularly. Further, steps for withdrawal and rehabilitation of child labour in silk industry have been taken by providing non-formal/formal education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition, healthcare etc. under the National Child Labour Project.